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1. ACCORDING TO ARVN OFFICERS OF CHAU DOC PROVINCE, A KHMER INSURGENT MILITARY RADIO MESSAGE HAS BEEN INTERCEPTED WHICH HAS CALLED UPON KI TO MOBILIZE THE POPULATION IN GENERAL IN THE REGIONS OF TUK MEAS AND KIRIVONG (OPPOSITE TINH BINH DISTRICT OF GVN CHAU DOC PROVINCE) TO PUBLICLY DEMONSTRATE AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF NVA IN THE AREA ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

2. THE SAME SOURCE REPORTS NVA HAVE DEMANDED CONTROL OF THE ENTIRE BORDER REGION IN CAMBODIA, FACING CHAU DOC PROVINCE, INCLUDING CONTROL OF THE LUCRATIVE ILLEGAL CROSS-BORDER TRADE, WHICH THE KI HAVE REFUSED.

3. RECENT CAMBODIAN REFUGEES LOYAL TO THE LON NOL GOVERNMENT IN HA TIEN DISTRICT, KIEN GIANG PROVINCE, CONFIRMED TO A US VICE CONSUL SPORADIC BUT WIDESPREAD FIGHTING BETWEEN KI AND NVA. ONE REFUGEE REPORTED A BATTLE ON AUGUST 8 IN WHICH

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500 NVA WERE ALLEGEDLY KILLED. (COMMENT: THIS SEEM EXAGGERATED.)

ANOTHER REPORTED A BATTLE ON AUGUST 15 AT SHREY CHEA (VS 5057)
IN WHICH SEVEN NVA WERE KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED, AND FIFTEEN KI
KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED. THE REFUGEES SEEMED TO BELIEVE THAT
THE NVA HAD THE UPPER HAND IN MILITARY TERMS. LEHMANN UNQTE
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